

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 7, 2002.

Hon. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House, U.S. Capitol Building,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I hereby resign from
the House Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure.

Sincerely,

JAMES P. MCGOVERN,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without
objection, the resignation is accepted.
There was no objection.

ELECTION OF MEMBER TO COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I offer a
resolution (H. Res. 413), and I ask unan-
imous consent for its immediate con-
sideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The
Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 413

Resolved, That the following named Mem-
ber be, and is hereby, elected to the fol-
lowing standing committee of the House of
Representatives:

Committee on Rules: Mr. MCGOVERN of
Massachusetts to rank immediately after
Mrs. SLAUGHTER of New York.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there
objection to the request of the gen-
tleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on
the table.

SHEIK AL-BURAIK IS NO FRIEND

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given per-
mission to address the House for 1
minute and to revise and extend his re-
marks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, when Saudi
Crown Prince Abdullah visited the
President in Texas recently, he
brought a prominent government cleric
named Sheik Saad Al-Buraik with him
in his entourage.

I would like to share with the House
of Representatives some of the state-
ments Sheik Al-Buraik has said about
America. He says, "I am against Amer-
ica until this life ends, until the day of
judgment. I am against America even
if the stone liquefies. She is the root of
all evils and wickedness on earth."

And what does the Sheik have to say
about Jews and Christians? He says,
"Don't take the Jews and Christians as
allies. Do not have any mercy, neither
compassion on the Jews, their blood,
their money, or their flesh."

Mr. Speaker, most shocking of all is
what he has to say about Jewish
women. He says to the Palestinians,
"Jewish women are yours to take, le-
gitimately. God made them yours. Why
don't you enslave their women? Why
don't you wage jihad? Why don't you
pillage them?"

Sheik Al-Buraik recently hosted a 2-
day telethon in Saudi Arabia that
raised over \$100 million to reward the

families of Palestinian homicide bomb-
ers.

Mr. Speaker, Prince Abdullah says he
wants to be part of the peace process.
Well, we will be ready to listen when he
dumps Sheik Al-Buraik from his list of
friends and advisors.

ANTIBIOTIC DRUGS ARE BEING OVERUSED

(Mr. BROWN of Ohio asked and was
given permission to address the House
for 1 minute and to revise and extend
his remarks.)

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker,
antibiotic drugs have revolutionized
human and veterinary medicines. Many
diseases and infections, tuberculosis,
pneumonia, typhoid, cholera, which
were once difficult to treat, and often
lethal, have been made readily curable
by antibiotic drugs.

But unfortunately, when bacteria are
exposed to antibiotics, resistant
strains emerge, posing a renewed
threat to human health. This phe-
nomenon makes it more difficult and
vastly more expensive to treat some in-
fections.

We all know that the inappropriate
use of antibiotics in human medicine
has contributed to this problem. And
mounting scientific evidence also
shows that the routine feeding of anti-
biotics to healthy farm animals, non-
therapeutic use, promotes the develop-
ment of antibiotic-resistant bacteria
that can then be communicated to peo-
ple.

In recent years, the list of simple
bacterial infections that are strongly
resistant to several classes of anti-
biotics has grown dramatically. Each
day that we fail to act, antibiotic re-
sistance grows, the long-term useful-
ness of our antibiotics are undermined.

Mr. Speaker, I urge Members to sup-
port H.R. 1771 and H.R. 3804 to address
the misuse and overuse of antibiotics
in human and animal medicine.

STOP YUCCA MOUNTAIN

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given
permission to address the House for 1
minute and to revise and extend his re-
marks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, the issue
of Yucca Mountain is safety. H.G.
Wells once said that human history be-
comes more and more a race between
education and catastrophe. Mr. Speak-
er, nothing in the history of mankind
has withstood the test of 10,000 years.

What was the state-of-the-art tech-
nology and engineered as safe as late as
1970, has proven today 30 years later,
not to be a safe solution. Let us not
allow short-term safety issues to be-
come serious long-term problems hun-
dreds of years from now.

The Department of Energy cannot as-
sure the safety and suitability of Yucca
Mountain, not even 10 years from now;
and that is why they have turned to
basing their proposal on engineered
barriers, instead of suitability of the

site. Yucca Mountain will not solve our
nuclear waste problem; it just creates
one additional, yet unsuitable, reposi-
tory. And our current sites will only
have 9 percent less waste than they do
today.

Mr. Speaker, I urge Members to work
toward a real solution based on 21st
century technology, and reject H.J.
Res. 87 tomorrow.

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

(Mr. DAVIS of Illinois asked and was
given permission to address the House
for 1 minute and to revise and extend
his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker,
for the past 39 years, the President of
the United States has issued a procla-
mation calling for the celebration of
Small Business Week. I rise to draw at-
tention to that designation and to that
celebration. This celebration honors
the estimated 25 million small busi-
nesses in America that create three out
of every four jobs and generate the vast
majority of business innovations.

Small businesses account for 99.7 per-
cent of America's employees. I think it
is time that we pay tribute, honor, ac-
knowledge the great work that they
do, and urge all Americans to shop at a
small business, take care of small busi-
nesses.

WELFARE REFORM WORKS

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina
asked and was given permission to ad-
dress the House for 1 minute and to re-
vise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr.
Speaker, I am pleased to say that wel-
fare reform works. Yes, welfare reform
works. The monumental reform that
this Republican House achieved in 1996
allows families to defeat poverty and
regain their independence.

However, it is time to continue the
good work from 1996. I voted last week
for the Working Toward Independence
Act approved by the Committee on
Education and the Workforce, and we
need to continue to support measures
that promote healthy, two-parent fami-
lies, and oppose provisions that penal-
ize married couples.

President Bush has set an aggressive
agenda for keeping families together,
and this House has a chance to solidify
this effort through the Republican bill
for reauthorization.

The 2.3 million families who have
used the reforms to become self-sup-
porting deserve this reform. The count-
less numbers of families who are still
working to achieve independence need
this reform. Why do we need this re-
form? Because welfare reform works.

PICTURE THEM HOME

(Mr. LAMPSON asked and was given
permission to address the House for 1
minute and to revise and extend his re-
marks.)